**Project Description:**

The scale of the architectural program created many site complexities which required careful design responses. The sloping site sits on a residential street dominated by open lawn spaces and traditional homes. The original structure was demolished, and a new, more contemporary home was constructed in its place. The remaining plants consisting largely of outdated or invasive material were removed. Existing maples were preserved, and more desirable existing material reorganized into a new modern planting scheme.

Upon arrival, visitors pass through a hedged entry onto a gently curving drive. The clean lines of the subsequent entry court and water feature contrast against planting beds comprised of grasses and perennials. The water feature, driveway and plantings are situated over a conditioned space making for a sizable green roof. Floating slab steps span the water feature and connect the landscape to the home.

At the rear of the house, balconies overlook the landscape, a planted staircase retains grade while connecting the main living area to the intermediate pool area. The pool transitions the grade to the lower lawn level. Plantings are massed beneath gingko and plane trees to create a unified landscape. Lawn areas give way to native meadows that buffer the adjacent wetland.

Organized around a series of spaces and constraints created by the architecture, the design allows for intimate garden moments and expansive views of the entire landscape. The size of the architectural program coupled with the site’s thirty-four feet of grade change was one of the biggest challenges in creating a memorable landscape.
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An intensive green roof extends from the house to the center of the entry-court. Vehicular access to the lower parking garage is judiciously carved in grade, hidden from view.
A mixture of ornamental grasses including Molina caerulea ‘Moorflamme’ and Seslaria autmnalis border the gravel drive.
Stone spans the contemporary fountain connecting the entry court and front door.
Staggered stone steps span the fountain and create an asymmetrical approach to the front door, the stillness of the water reflects the landscape and built environment.
A view from the guest courtyard depicts an entrance to the rear upper terrace. Fencing and water basins are crafted from Corten steel.
Water flows from a Corten basin at the corner of the guest room, filling a runnel that continues to the front entrance fountain. An inviting guest terrace bridges interior and exterior living, integrating the programs of both architecture and landscape.
Stone slab steps, Platanus x acerifolia and Festuca arundinacea are incorporated into a sculpted hillside and connect the upper landscape to the lower play lawn.
Furniture combined with grove of Platanus x acerifolia create an area for respite and relaxation.
Stone slab steps planted with Ginkgo biloba and Hakonechloa macra provide another transition from the upper terraces to the pool environment. Floating stone steps with Corten steel stringers connect the pool to the play lawn.
A view from the upper terrace depicts the contemporary pool in contrast with an existing Acer rubrum and wetland meadow.
A visually rich, perimeter overflow pool finished with a dark interior contrast against the adjacent terrace.
The contemporary built environment integrates with existing natural features to create a harmonious landscape while achieving the client's goal of a sustainable site.